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SUBJECT: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: JAPAN

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- 1. DRAWING ON REFTELS, EMBOFF INFORMED OWADA MORNING SEPTEMBER 17 OF IMPORTANCE WHICH USG ATTACHES TO JAPAN'S ACCEPTING CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SEAT AND OUTLINED OUR RESERVATIONS ON POSSIBLE ASIAN ALTERNATES.
- 2. OWADA SAID FONOFF RECEIVED TELEGRAM SEPTEMBER 14 FROM JUN WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT JAPAN NOT ACCEPT SEAT, BUT IN REPLY SENT FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: (A) FONOFF RECOGNIZED JUN'S RECOMMENDATION AS UNDERSTANDABLE IN PRINCIPLE BUT POINTED OUT NEED TO SAFEGUARD KHMER POSITION AND TO LESSER EXTENT THAT OF SAG; (B) MISSION THEREFORE AUTHORIZED TO DECLINE SEAT IF RPT IF IT COULD FIND SATISFACTORY ASIAN SUBSTITUTE; IF NONE AVAILABLE, MISSION WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. NO REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED IN FONOFF. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. OWADA WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT GOJ MAKES DISTINCTION BETWEEN KHMER AND SAG CREDENTIALS PROBLEMS. IN CASE OF KHMER, SATISFACTORY FINDING BY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE IS PROBABLY VITAL TO KHMER POSITION. IN CASE OF SAG, ON OTHER HAND, PLENARY HAS IN PAST REVERSED CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ADVERSE TO SAG AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY DO SO AGAIN. FOR THIS REASON, GOJ HAD THOUGHT THAT EITHER PHILIPPINES OR THAILAND WOULD BE SATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE FOR JAPAN, SINCE BOTH ARE SOLID ON MORE VITAL QUESTION OF KHMER.
- 4. OWADA THEN SAID HE WOULD BEGIN CONSULTATIONS IMMEDIATELY WITHIN FONOFF WITH VIEW TO DEVELOPING AGREEMENT THAT JAPAN SHOULD ACCEPT SEAT ON CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. HOPEFULLY, INSTRUCTION WILL BE SENT TO JUN BY COB SEPTEMBER 17 TOKYO TIME. HOWEVER, OWADA ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE INFORMATION ON HOW IMPORTANT USG CONSIDERS POSITIVE VOTE ON SAG WITHIN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED; USG VIEWS ON SAG ISSUE CITED PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, CONVEYED BY TELEPHONE TO DUEMLING IF NECESSARY TO REACH TOKYO BY COB SEPTEMBER 17 TOKYO TIME. INGERSOLL

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